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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: ARAI et al

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For: Method Of Detecting Particles And A Processing  
Apparatus Using The Same

Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: R. Zervigon

**AMENDMENT**

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March 28, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.